

Listing of Claims

1-2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine as claimed in claim 19 further including a second display configured to display a current value of the jackpot prizes.

4. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine as claimed in claim 3 wherein the second display is mounted in a top box of the gaming machine.

5. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine as claimed in claim 19 wherein the user interface includes a bet selecting arrangement selected from a group which includes at least one of the following: a keypad, a touch screen, and an array of buttons.

6. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine as claimed in claim 19 wherein the user interface is configured to enable a selection of one of the wagers prior to initiating a game play of the wagering game.

7. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine as claimed in claim 6 wherein the wagers are each a multiple of a common amount.

8-9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine as claimed in claim 19 wherein the jackpot prizes accumulate from a predetermined minimum value and are incremented towards a predetermined maximum value.

11. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine as claimed in claim 19 wherein when each jackpot prize is contributed to, it is contributed to by a portion of the amount wagered.

12 – 18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine, comprising a game control system arranged to:

implement a game;

allow a player to select one of a plurality of different wagers that can be staked on an outcome of the game;

select only one jackpot prize from a plurality of jackpot prizes as an eligible jackpot prize based on the one of the plurality of different wagers selected to be staked on the outcome of the game;

increment only the eligible jackpot prize based on the selected wager; and

if a jackpot awarding criterion occurs, award only the eligible jackpot prize to the player.

20. (Previously Presented) A gaming system including a plurality of gaming machines as claimed in claim 19 linked together so that the plurality of jackpot prizes are common to the plurality of gaming machines.

21. (Previously Presented) The gaming system of claim 20, wherein the wagering games provided by at least two the plurality of gaming machines are different types of wagering games.

22-25. (Canceled).

26. (New) A gaming system comprising:

a game controller that facilitates a play of a game in which a player is able to place a wager on an outcome of the game;

a user interface that displays to the player a plurality of different monetary amounts and allows the player to select one of the monetary amounts to be used for the wager on the outcome of the game; and

a jackpot arrangement that maintains a separate jackpot for each one of the monetary amounts to provide a plurality of jackpots such that a total number of the jackpots is equal to a total number of the monetary amounts, selects only one of the jackpots based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player, and increments the one of the jackpots selected based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player.

27. (New) The gaming system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the jackpot arrangement maintains a separate jackpot set for each one of the monetary amounts to provide a plurality of separate jackpot sets, wherein each one of the separate jackpot sets comprises at least two jackpots one of which is the separate jackpot, selects only one of the jackpot sets based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player, and increments at least one of the two jackpots of the one of the jackpot sets selected based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player.

28. (New) The gaming system as claims in claim 27, wherein the jackpot arrangement increments a first of the two jackpots by a first amount and increments a second of the two jackpots by a second amount, the first amount being different to the second amount.

29. (New) The gaming system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the user interface comprises a plurality of buttons each of which represents a different one of the monetary amounts.

30. (New) The gaming system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the jackpot arrangement awards to the player the one of the jackpot sets selected based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player if the outcome of the game meets a predefined criterion.

31. (New) A method for use with a gaming system, the method comprising the steps of:
facilitating a play of a game in which a player is able to place a wager on an outcome of the game;

displaying to the player a plurality of different monetary amounts;

allowing the player to select one of the monetary amounts to be used for the wager on the outcome of the game;

maintaining a separate jackpot for each one of the monetary amounts to provide a plurality of jackpots such that a total number of the jackpots is equal to a total number of the monetary amounts;

selecting only one of the jackpots based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player; and

incrementing the one of the jackpots selected based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player.

32. (New) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the maintaining step comprises maintaining a separate jackpot set for each one of the monetary amounts to provide a plurality of separate jackpot sets, wherein each one of the separate jackpots sets comprises at least two jackpots one of which is the separate jackpots, the selecting step comprises selecting only one of the jackpot sets based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player, and the incrementing step comprises incrementing at least one of the two jackpots of the one of jackpot sets selected based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player.

33. (New) The method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the incrementing step comprises incrementing a first of the two jackpots by a first amount and incrementing a second of the two jackpots by a second amount, the first amount being different to the second amount.

34. (New) The method as claimed in claim 33, comprising the step of awarding to the player the one of the jackpot sets selected based on the one of the monetary amounts selected by the player if the outcome of the game meets a predefined criterion.